

THIRTY FIGHTING TAILORS.

The Theft or a Pot of Tea Causes a Dreadful Rumpus in an East Side Tenement.

There was a lively fight on the top floor of the five-story tenement at 40 Sheriff street on Wednesday morning, in which between twenty-five and thirty Hebrew tailors took part. The principal combatants are to-day working with bruised arms and bandaged heads, and the instigator of the rumpus is languishing in the Essex Market jail, awaiting trial for having open his nest of hell with a tomahawk.

The room in which the fifth story, with the exception of a narrow strip occupied by the rickety staircase, along one side of the room, where the dirty window panes allow a little daylight to enter, is not ranged half a dozen sewing machines, where bearded Russian Jews bend to their work from 7 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock at night. In the centre of the shop stands a small stove on which the tailors heat their flattens.

A Polish Jew, known by name, is the "boss" of this gang. There are two girl employees who work at the machines. Most of the men bring their mid-day meal along with them, and eat it in the shop. The cost of a pot of tea and a lunch was to have consisted of a tin of tea and a piece of bread. He placed his tea on the stove to warm it, and then left. The other tailors, most of whom who did not have any luncheon that day, espied the pot, and helped himself to the tea, replacing the empty pot.

After the theft, Hemorowitch laid aside his work and turned to the stove. He looked inside the pot, and then on the outside. Then he gazed around him, and saw Langtauer was working busily away.

"What is this? I'm not tea?" he finally asked.

Everybody looked up, and Langtauer growled:

"You drink it, isn't it?" cried Hemorowitch, turning to the blushing culprit. "You steal."

"Yes, I seen 'im," put in Isaac, the store boy. "I seen 'im drink it alreid wid his meal."

The girls laughed outright then, and the other tailors began to yell Hemorowitch. This exasperated him, and he turned faced outward, shouting, "I'll teach you a yankee stick just as he got his hand on it." The tempest was whirling through the air. It missed that hand, but it hit the floor.

Then the others making him an offensive partisan, Dirkovitch seized a chair leg and made for his assailant, who was already approaching the floor, kicking and scratching until "Boss" Cohen himself tried to interfere. He got Hemorowitch away, and gave a powerful kick in another's pangs, and then Langtauer picked up a tumbler and broke it over his enemy's head. Blood flowed from the cut and spurted a new way. And Abram Amowitz was at work on it. He too arose and joined the fighters.

The four men rolled around the floor, howling and kicking, until Cohen, who had been knocked over and so many of the other tailors roughly treated that the whole establishment got mixed in the fight, insisted upon getting up and went to the man, whose shop is on the floor below, came rushing up with the announcement that the "boss" of the tailors had been arrested.

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The Board recommends that the State should be appropriated \$150,000 to provide for the appointment of a Board of nine managers by the Governor, who shall purchase the Sonyan property, and begin the reception of patients.

The object of the proposed colony would be the relief of a numerous class of sufferers, of which there are now about 1,000 in the houses of the State, and as many thousands in families of the relatively poor and indigent.

FOR MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATION.

A Bill Prepared by President Green for Submission to the Legislature.

The Municipal Consolidation Inquiry Commission met yesterday at 214 Broadway. President Andrew H. Green was in the chair. Letters were received from various persons and organizations asking for information and rendering support to the project.

President Green presented the act which he has prepared to be sent to the Legislature providing for consolidation. This act provides "for the submission of the question of consolidation of the city of New York with certain territories (counties of Kings and Richmond), under a single municipal administration, to vote of the people; directing the commission appointed by and under the authority of chapter 30 of the laws of 1890 to call a meeting of the Legislature for incorporation, government, and administration of the consolidated city, and authorizing an appropriate resolution.

The territory referred to in the act is the city of New York, the counties of Kings and Richmond, the towns of West Farms, parts of Bronx, Co., and parts of Lower Manhattan, the towns of New Haven, Flushing, and Jamaica, and part of the town of Hempstead. The act provides that the bill shall be submitted to the Legislature at the next session.

This bill was submitted to a committee consisting of Mr. Green, Mr. Strauban, and Edward Livingston Green, who agreed to make amendments if necessary and to present the bill when completed.

An edition of *Lux*, the writings and speeches of President Green, on the subject of consolidation was presented to the President by Secretary Henschel, the gift of the Secretary and other friends.

A RECEIVER FOR LEVY'S COMPANIES.

Justice Barrett Appoints David McClure on the Attorney-General's Motion.

On application of the Attorney-General, Justice Barrett of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, on taking the papers, said:

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